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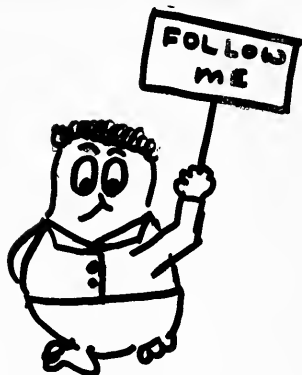
Portage Jr. High School

What is a school?

More than students and faculty . . . More than stones and mortar . . . It's also a spirit, of course, that inspires all activities, scholastic and extracurricular; a spirit that expresses itself away from our building.

This year's Portarama staff has given our school spirit physical form and hopes to capture descriptively on the succeeding pages some of the ways and times when the school spirit prevailed at Portage.

So let the school spirit take you through this yearbook and brighten your memory of the 1967-68 Portage school year.



The Portage Spirit

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*Dr. Hugh
Kariger
Principal*



*Gordon
Klopferstein
Assistant
Principal*



*Carol
Pugsley
Guidance
Counselor*



*Max
Amstutz
Biology,
Phys. Ed.*



*Gerald
Anderson
Special Ed.*



*Rex Athan
English*



*John
Edwards
Social
Studies*



*Karen
Egley
Mathematics*



*Martha
Eickhoff
Dev.
Reading
English*



*LaNola Fox
English
Dev.
Lang.*



*Marvin
Frey
Mathematics*



*Mike Gall
English
Dev.
Lang.*



*Mildred
Meese
English
Vocal
Music*



*Don
Parlette
Instrumental
Music*



*Mildred
Radatz
Librarian*



*Tom
Pearson
Science*



*Bob Ransbottom
Mathematics*



*John Septer
English
Dev.
Reading
Spanish*



The custodial staff was responsible for maintenance of our building, keeping things on an even keel and preparing rooms for special events, from early in the morning till late at night.

Left to right: Carl Carpenter, Robert Mossburg, Carl Haas, Hilda Linnemeyer, and Glenn Daugherty.



Emily
Baker
Phys. Ed.



Jack Berg
English
History



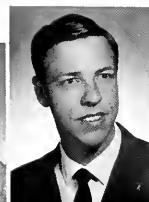
Virginia
Bowers
Home Ec.
Health



Richard
Cira
Phys. Ed.



Dave Cloud
Science



David
Didier
English
French
Latin



Donald
Gebhard
Math



Lydia
Gowdy
Soc. St.
History



Jane
Hoylman
English
Publications



Edna
Johnson
Soc. Studies
Math



Larry
Johnson
Guidance
Health
Biology



Neil
McKee-
man
Math



Norma
Sterling
Soc. St.
History



Beth
Szegedy
Dev.
Reading
English



Thelma
Wellman
Art



Vern
Werking
Home Arts
Science



Alton
White
Shop



Thelma
Williams
Science
Health

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Efficiently prepared meals five days a week during the entire school year—that's the big job performed capably by cafeteria personnel. From left to right, they are Easter Dunlop, Wanda Hart, Audrey Swihart, Imogene Slagle, Juanita Mowery, Genevieve Booher, Donna Gaham, Ruth Loomis, and cafeteria manager Pauline Snyder. Absent when the photo was taken was Theresa Fredericks.





Under the capable direction of our principal, Dr. Hugh Kariger, Portage has maintained its high standards throughout the year.



What does an assistant principal do? In the case of Portage's Mr. Gordon Klopfenstein, school duties are everyday life. Among his activities are coordination of the student council program, directing the guidance program, and counseling students.



Always ready to lend a sympathetic ear, sometimes ready to recommend discipline, Mr. Larry Johnson and Mrs. Carol Pugsley provided invaluable guidance counseling throughout the year.



Our school couldn't have run so efficiently without the help of our dependable secretaries. Helping students and teachers with a smile were Mrs. Nora Anderson (Standing) and Mrs. Bertha Scott (Seated).





Classes

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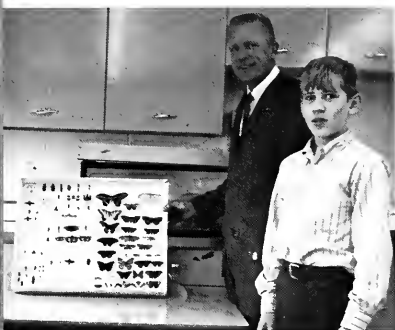
Everywhere



Language arts, developmental language, and developmental reading are designed to teach students reading, grammar, and spelling by the use of such things as reading machines, frequent speeches, and compositions. A variety of textbooks are used in these classes.



Classes at Portage



Pictured here are the many phases of science at Portage. Seventh and eighth graders study general science while ninth graders have an option of general science or biology.

Involve Various Activities



Shop is required for all eighth grade boys but it is optional in the ninth. This course is designed so a boy can achieve a greater understanding of woodworking, metal, electronics, and drafting. The boys get a chance to be creative, but they are also gaining experience and knowledge for the future.

Home economics is designed to prepare girls for the future when they will need the domestic skills of homemaking. Not only do the girls gain knowledge from textbooks but they also gain much experience by actually putting their skills to work.



Students Find Their Talent

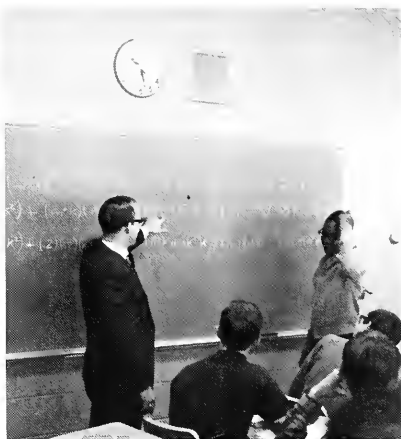


In seventh grade, every student is required to take home arts for nine weeks. Here they become familiar with basic tools around the home. Each person makes a home arts notebook. They also learn such skills as writing checks, sewing buttons, and hammering nails.

Students in the seventh grade have a chance to test their talent in art by taking an introductory course for 9 weeks. If the pupil enjoys being creative and has talent, he can choose to take art again in the eighth and ninth grades. Art pupils provided the backgrounds for many of the year's convocations and programs.



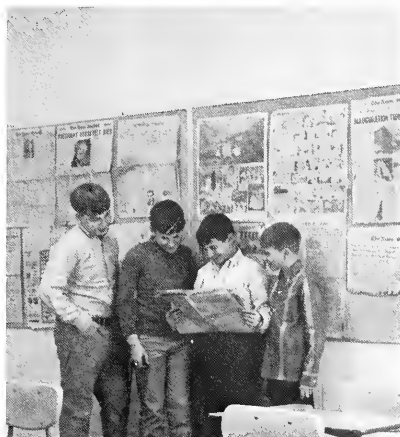
Mathematics in the eighth grade encompasses a variety of topics, such as geometry and an introduction to algebra. Mr. McKeeman watches as Sherri Oswald explains her work.



Ninth grade algebra students find they are faced with increasingly more puzzling problems. Mr. Ransbottom helps to clarify a lengthy equation for his class.

Prevailing Under Difficult Situations

Eighth grade history classes study United States history dating from before the French and Indian War. This is done with the aid of projects, study guides, film strips, and textbooks.



Social studies in the seventh grade includes various class projects, as well as a survey of current events around the world and topical films.

They Help, Too!



Supervising the cafetorium every noon is Mrs. Detwiler, the lunchroom assistant.



Mr. Stiner, our consulting teacher, gave psychological tests throughout the year to students referred by classroom teachers.



Mrs. Collins, the teachers' aide, provided invaluable help during the year with attendance records, typing, duplicating, and other tasks.



Working with students with speech difficulties Miss Ellen Reed, speech therapist, found herself kept busy all year.



Mrs. Squires, Portage school nurse, spent the year keeping students healthy, recommending doctor's care when necessary and checking on students at home.

Sh-h-h . . . Quiet Time



Study hall was provided for 9th grade students to have an opportunity to get their homework done.



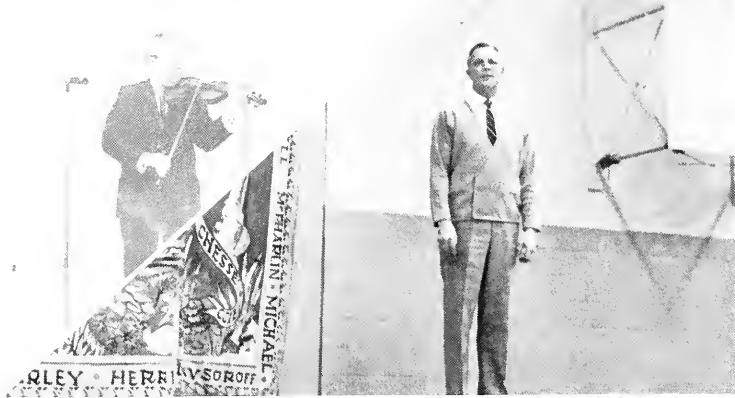
The library schedule is a busy one at Portage, where students can do research work or read for the pure enjoyment of that pastime.



Study hall is supervised by Mrs. Elizabeth Hughes, who also assists Mrs. Radatz in the library.



***LIBRARY CLUB**—Students participating in this club help in the library at convenient times each week. Mrs. Radatz assists them in learning the techniques of library work.*



Portage students and faculty enjoyed many interesting convocations.

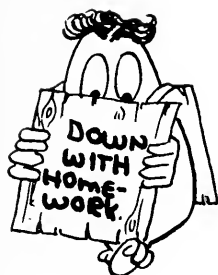
A wide variety of programs proved to be very worthwhile as they were heartily applauded.

Some of the convocations enjoyed by students were Philharmonic String Quartet, a puppet show of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," a candy convocation, student council convocation, and the football jamboree pep session.



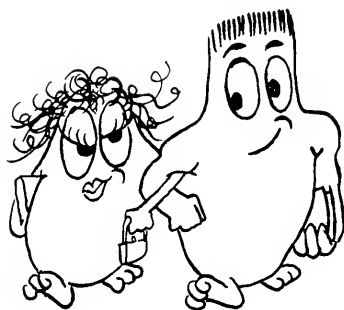
CONVOCATIONS

RECEIVE LUSTY APPLAUSE



Students

Are



Everywhere



The Portage Spirit Says . . .



*Linda Adkisson
Gloria Aguirre
Deborah Allen
Amy Archbold
Mary Atkinson*

*Eric Battrick
Pauline Bauman
Linda Beineke
Jesse Bejarano
Noema Bejarano*



*Marcia Black
John Blackman
Mary Bodigon
Tom Bohrer
Sandy Brickley*

*Don Brown
Richard Brown
Shari Brown
Deborah Brownlee
Diane Bruns*



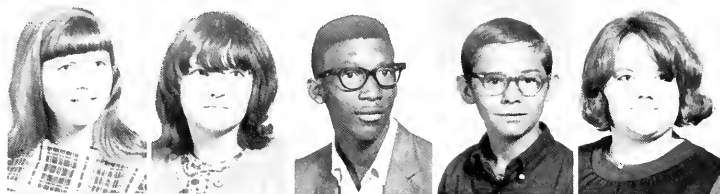
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Robert Buckel
James Buckhardt
William Burgo
Greg Burkett*

*Debra Burley
Greg Burrell
Valerie Buschey
Jody Bushey
Janice Butler*



Goodbye and Good Luck . . .

Sue Byerley
Sheri Byrd
Lorenzo Cannon
Jesse Capps
Patricia Carden



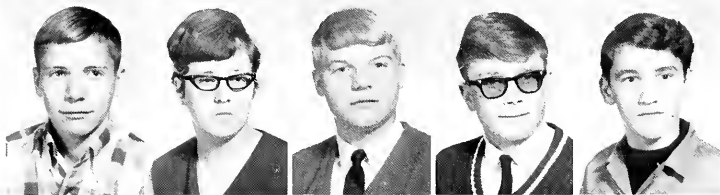
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Peter Chemerenko
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Debra Chrzan
Karen Chrzan
Craig Collier
Larry Crismore
Judy Crothers



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Jeff Derrickson
Betsy DeWolfe
Dan Dillion
John Dunbar

Randy Dunfee
Becky Durnell
Richard Ealing
Perry Ely
Mike Emmons



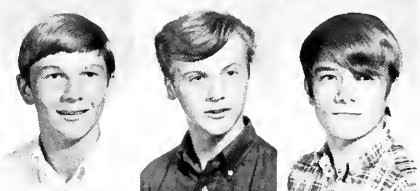
Syl Engelmann
Pam Feasel
Edward Ferguson
Jeff Fishman
Charles Followell

to All Graduating Freshmen . . .



*Rene Fry
Sandra Fryback
James Fuhrman
Karen Fulk
Mike Funk*

*Dan Gage
Bill Gaham
Kathy Glass
Kathy Glisson
Michael Gomez*



*Rose Gonzales
Vera Gordon
James Grieser
Percy Gross
Arnold Hakey*

*Jane Hardiek
Jean Hardiek
Cindy Harkless
Cathy Harmon
Tom Harriss*



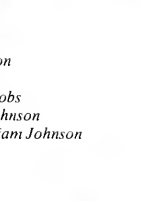
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Eric Hayden
Susan Hemingway
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JoEtta Hood*

*William Hood
Bruce Houston
Ronald Huguenard
J.D. Hull
Larry Hurst*

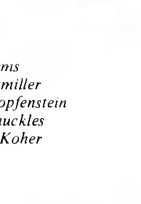


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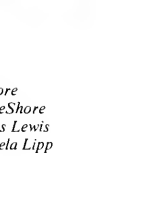
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Greg Hutsell
Val Hutsell
John Igney
Doris Isaacs



Tammy Johnson
Jackie Johnston
Neil Jones
Nancy Keefer
Joyce Keener



Olga Kowalenko
Ruth Krueckeberg
Ronald Landin
Jim Langston
Danny Lay



Craig LeClair
Doris LeShore
Johnny LeShore
Douglas Lewis
Pamela Lipp

for High School Careers



Linda Logan
Scott Loveless
James McCann
Gregory McClure
Debra McCombs

Sue McCray
Jerry McDonald
Becky Markey
Dennis Martin
Diana Martin



Betty Medsker
Michael Meyer
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Melva Mooney
Sofia Moreno
Patricia Moyer
Eddie Nast
Beth Nelson



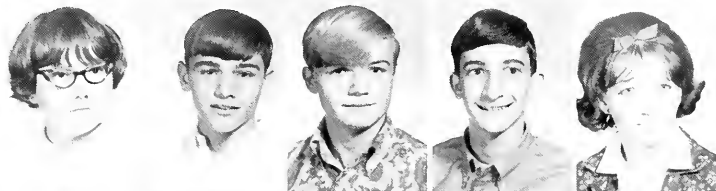
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David Nuttle
Gary Oetting
Ed Orr
Mark Oswalt

Michael Patterson
Becky Payne
Jacinta Perkins
Marsha Phillips
Bret Pahr



and Varied Futures.

Marietta Prine
Bruce Pronesti
Michael Ramer
Bill Reitman
Carlyon Rice



Mickey Rice
Kim Richard
Sharon Richardson
David Rockey
Maritza Roman

Doug Russell
Deborah Russell
Art Rutherford
Mike Ruthsatz
Jose Sanchez



Lydia Sanchez
Pamela Sanford
Bob Schmidt
Matt Schmidt
Ricky Shanks

Wally Shoaff
Doug Slack
Sally Slagle
Darlene Smallback
Etta Smith

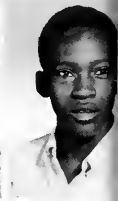


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Cary Squires
Marion Stam
Sharon Suder
Tim Sullivan



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James M. Terry
Jimmy Terry
Claudia Thomas
Lorraine Thompson

Richard Thompson
John Treesh
Kevin Trim
Penny Tucker
Leon Underwood



Joan Valentine
Gary Van Allen
S. Ray Varney
Debbie Waldrop
Randy Ware

Randy Watters
Rene Watters
Debbie Weaver
Donna Weber
Rebecca Weber



Davis Weisbach
Cynthia Wells
Bobby Wheeler
Robert White
Tenney White

Dennis Whitman
Jackie Whittaker
Steve Wickiser
Richard Wilkin
Laray Williams





*Ronald Wilson
Stoy Wilson
Alan Wittenberg
Keith Woebeking
Jerry Wolfe*



*Mike Wyatt
Gary York
Aker, Peggy
Cramer, Tim
Dykes, Tom*



*Heredia, Fred
Hetherington, Cliff
Mason, Tonette
Seitz, Jeff
Woods, Bonita*



Randy Aker
Jeff Al-Janabi
Robert Al-Janabi
David Arnett
Robert Arnett
Bob Avery
Carol Baker



Marna Baker
Herbert Banks
Rickey Barrand
David Batrick
David Beaver
Sandra Beaver
Debbie Becraft



Thomas Bierman
Suati Black
Martin Bleifeld
Ellyn Boedeker
Kirk Breinfalk
Laurie Brenn
Diane Brewer



Geardene Brock
Mike Brockhaus
Brian Brown
Carolyn Brown
Walter Brown
Margaret Burget
Lori Burch

The In-Betweeners

Kathy Butts
Charles Butz
Diana Campbell
Melvin Cannon
Patty Cazares
Brooksie Cherry
Becky Chilcote



Elaine Christman
Michael Coe
George Conner
Jeanne Conrad
Patty Cook
Lynn Cooper
Don Cox



Candy Creason
Diane Crismore
Peter Cruze
Roc Dawson
Ruby Deaton
Steve DeGrandchamp
Kenneth Dixon



James Dominguez
Marcia Dressel
Gary Dulin
Robert Ecenbarger
Mike Eilfard
Cynthia Elkins
Eliza Evans



David Etzcorn
Susan Fahlring
Gerald Faust
Terry Fey
Shirley Fincher
MaryAnn Fisher
Rose Fischer

Mike Ford
Marc Frankenstein
Mike Fugate
David Fulkerson
Kathy Gaham
Pamela Garcia
Charles Garland

Let Garland
Mark Geiger
Rebecca Georgi
Becky Gongaware
Patty Good
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Frank Hagadorn



Finally Achieve

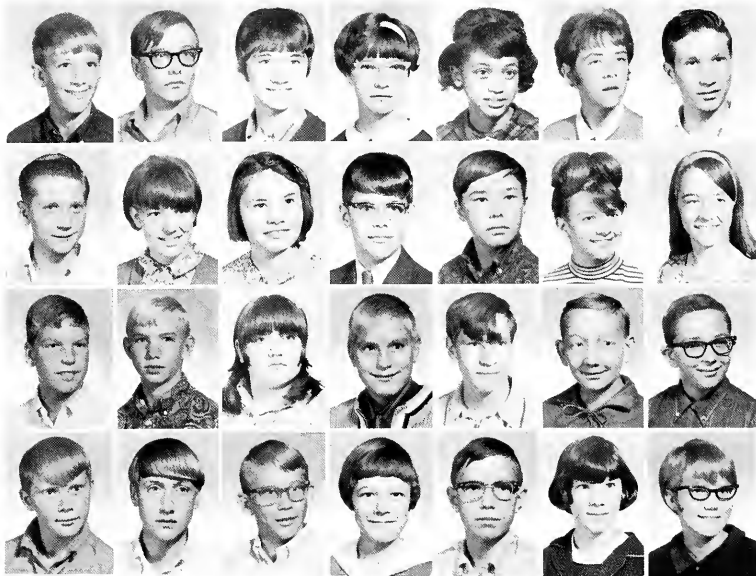


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Keith Hemingway
Randy Hermes

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Konnie Hipshire
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Terry Holloway
Mark Holsinger
Dallie Hood

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Glenda Howell
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Vicky Hyde
Donald Jackson
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Kristine Jarboe



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Judy Johnson
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Peggy Jones
David Juricak

James Juricak
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Scott Kennedy
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Kevin Kerris
Edward Kessel
Pamela Kirk
Mike Klimkofski
Tom Klimkofski
Danny Klinger
Howard Klinger

Neil Koher
Gregory Krumwiede
Terry Kundysek
Cheryl Lahr
Mike Lasley
Shelley LeClair
Rhonda Leeper

Their Goal . . .

Frances Leshore
Edmund Lewis
Valeire Lewis
Jeff Line
Michael Linn
Vivian Liberman
Kent Loomis

Luella Lovell
Mary Loyd
Elizabeth Lytle
Dan McCormick
Jerry McCormick
Nora Male
Gary May

Duane Mespell
Darlene Medsker
Joy Miller
Peggy Miller
Terry Morningstar
Susan Myers
Val Neuhouser

Teresa Nicodemus
Savas Nieto
Jennifer North
Donna Nunn
Nancy Nuttle
Wesley Nuttle
Mary Osterman



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 Sherri Oswald
 Larry Patterson
 John Perkins
 Rita Perkins
 Susan Perrine
 Linda Pettibone*

*James Poore
 Wanda Poits
 Glanita Printup
 Douglas Pronesti
 Pamela Pyle
 George Quickery
 Caryn Raney*

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 Tom Rathert
 Donna Renshaw
 Larry Ridgley
 Danny Rifkin
 David Ripke
 Leroy Ritter*

*Jennison Robertson
 Thomas Roberts
 Janie Rockey
 David Roe
 Douglas Rogers
 Billie Routt
 Jeff Russell*



as B-i-i-i-g-g-g . . .



*Joyce Schooler
 Bonnie Schroeder
 Mike Schroeder
 Vickie Shepherd
 Jeff Shoemaker
 Avis Simmons
 Debbie Smith*

*Edward Smith
 Jennie Smith
 Randy Smith
 Ruby Smith
 Terri Smyers
 Tom Smyers
 Michael Smyser*

*Lavon Snyder
 Patricia Sowles
 James Spears
 Bart Spiller
 Debbie Spillner
 Scott Stauffer
 Kay Steed*

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 Gregg Steward
 Wesley Stotlar
 David Strasburg
 Larry Strasburg
 Joe Sutton
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Loretta Underwood
James Vaughn

Gunnar Veale
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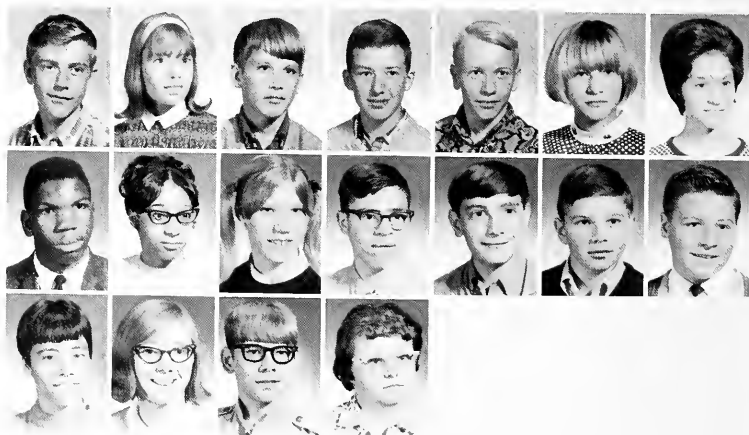
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Mike Windsor

Freshmen!

Mike Winget
Laurie Wittenberg
Mark A. Wolfe
Mark R. Wolfe
John Wynn
Mary Zabolotney
Capps, Patty

Dunbar, LeRoy
Eldridge, Joanne
Flaig, JoAnn
Hamilton, Charles
Harpel, Tim
Haycox, Greg
Keller, Joe

Kimmel, Debbie
Miller, Candy
Suder, Mark
Warner, Denise



Spirits Watch Students



The Seventh Grade



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John Alvarez
Connie Archer
David Atkinson
Lonnie Baatz
Joan Black



David Blough
John Bodigon
Nancy Bollenbacher
Shirley Boone
William Bowers
Rose Ann Boyer



Barbara Breidert
Lisa Brenn
Laura Brown
LouAnn Brown
Patty Buell
Helen Bunker



Arthur Burget
Eddie Burgo
Jean Burkett
Kay Burnett
Kim Burns
Greg Bussard

David Butler
William Byerley
Marilyn Capps
Benny Caudill
Debbie Chandler
Tina Chemerenko

John Chilcote
David Clark
Jerry Coleman
Chuck Collins
Nancy Conner
Marianne Conrad

Dennis Cook
Kenneth Crismore
David Crooks
Fred Crum
Tom Cruze
Alfred Curry

James Curtis
John DeRose
Teresa DeRose
Ricki Dillon
Mike Dixon
James Dowling



Dream Comes True . . .

Louise Duncan
Ronnie Durnell
Linda Dykes
Nancy Ecenbarger
Dan Eifrid
Jeff Emmons



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Luana Fair
Malcolm Finlayson
Kathryn Fisher
Sandy Fisher
Nancy Fishman



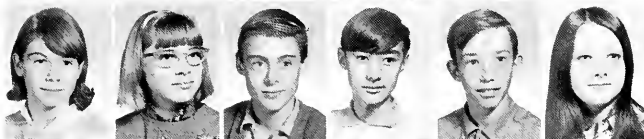
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Jody Fritz
LuJean Fritz



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Dewey Fugate
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Arthur Gonzalez



Cindy Gonzales
Chad Goss
Bobby Greene
Albert Groff
Debbie Groff
Sandra Gulker



Carolyn Gutierrez
Janet Hackett
Perry Hall
Chris Hannan
Jeff Hans
Susan Hardiek



David Harman
Linda Harter
Betsy Helberg
David Hood
Paul Hughes
Rodney Hughes



Peggy Hull
Matthew Hunter
Cheryl Hurst
Wayne Isaacs
Gray Jackson
John Jarboe

They're no longer



Donna Jenkins
Earl Jenkins
Valerie Johnston
LuAnn Jones
Rick Jones
Sandra Kay Jones



Kathy Keller
Terri Kelley
Tom Kennerk
Michael Kerris
Roberta King
Sherry Kirkland



Randy Kohlhepp
Debbie Ladd
James Landin
Debra Kay Langston
Sally Langstroth
Barry Lawson



Lanetta Leach
Debbie LeClair
Mark Lesh
Leslie Line
Narda Linn
Gary Loomis

Kathy Loomis
Mike Lovett
Susie Lubbes
Kenneth Mabee
Darlene Magner
Robin Malone



Jesse Martinez
Janet Mast
Larry Mast
Tim Mayclin
Paula McCue
Chris McFeeters



Janet McFeeters
Janet Meade
Dean Messick
Beth Miller
Cheryl Miller
Donald Miller



Robert Milligan
Darlene Mills
Keith Miser
Sandy Mitchell
Rocky Morimanno
Frederic Morones



the Underdogs.

William Morones
Diana Mundi
Linda Munson
William Myers
Madonna Nagel
Jeffrey Nei



Shelby Neuhauser
Bill Newhart
William Noble
Margo Parlette
Paul Parrish
Joanna Patterson



Keith Peters
Tim Phovemire
Tom Poore
Pamela Potts
Idabelle Purk
Sue Pyle



Marilyn Quickery
Joyce Rector
Larry Reitman
Deborah Richardson
Rick Ridenour
Diana Rinehart



Sandra Rodey
Linda Roelle
Rita Rondot
Peter Rutenberg
Shirley Scheidler
Robert Scudder



Cheryl Seffernick
Roxanna Shatzer
Patricia Shaw
Keith Sheets
Debbie Shepherd
William Shew



Deborah Shull
Everett Shull
Timothy Singleton
Charles Slack
Julie Smith
Kent Smith



Kippy Smith
Michael Smith
Ralph Smith
Kathy Snyder
Sanford Snyderman
Penny Sparkman



Eric Spears
 Marcy Spiller
 Lana Starnes
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 Linda Terry



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 John Thurber
 Karen Thurber
 Mike Torrez
 Kathy Trammel
 Kathy Turner



Pamela VanBuskirk
 Stanley Vaughn
 Kathy Ward
 John Ware
 Philip Waterhouse
 Paul Watters



Rick Watters
 John Webb
 Emily Weicker
 Tom Weizel
 Debbie Wilkin
 Mary Wilkinson

Mary Ann Williams
 Eddie Wilson
 Richard Wilson
 Eddie Wineke
 Lois Witte
 Nancy Wolfe

Wendy Woods
 Cheryl Workman
 Becky Young
 Mike Young
 Clarke, Judy
 DeWolfe, Walter

Engelmann, Cindy
 Exner, Glenda
 Fincher, Nancy
 Fischer, Pamela
 Fontenette, Arthur
 Hayden, David

Keim, Doug
 Lipp, Terry
 Markey, Susan
 Rodey, Patty
 Smith, Denise
 Tyner, Mary
 Warner, LaVern





Activities

Are



Everywhere



Front Row: Nancy Frebel, Karen Chrzan, Tammy Johnson, Cam Harshbarger, Mike Ruhsatz, Alan Wittenberg, Margo Parlette, Kathe Klopfenstein, Joanne Flaig. Middle: Terri Lipp, Jean Burkett, Tina Chemerenko, Shelley Hawkins,

STUDENT COUNCIL representatives

Planning convocations, record hops, and other school functions, plus discussing issues brought up by the student body, were the jobs of the student council. Throughout the year they strived to make Portage a better school for everyone. Mr. Klopfenstein was the Student Council advisor, assisted by Mrs. Pugsley.

J. D. Hull, Jeff Davies, Randy Smith, David Beaver, Tom Gruze, Tom Kennerk, Marc Frankenstein. Back Row: Lynn Cooper, Jeff Fishman, Matt Hunter, Kent Loomis, Colby Haynes, Ed Lewis, John Mitchell, Eric Hayden, Dan Johnson, Joanna Patterson, and Gordon Klopfenstein, adviser.

Student Council Representatives and Alternates



President Mike Ruhsatz and Vice President Alan Wittenberg directed activities of the student council this year.

Front Row: Mr. Klopfenstein, Judy Crothers, Becky Gangaware, Camilla Harshbarger, Mike Ruhsatz, Alan Wittenberg, Candy Miller, Elaine Keppinger. Middle: T. G. White, Wendy Woods, Rita Rondot, Nancy Wolfe, Cliff Hetherington, Sanford Snyderman, Eric Spears, Jerry Coleman, Laurie Wittenberg. Back Row: Dan Fortriede, Terri Kelley, Dan McCormick, Mike LoVett, Dave Hamilton, Lorenzo Cannon, Bob Schmidt, Jim Fuhrman, Steve Wickiser, Valerie Buschey.

*Student
Council
alternates*



Chess Club Members



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Learn New Skills



Chess sessions took place all year in the cafetorium, although individual games were seen in various classrooms throughout the school.



Chess Club, one of the largest clubs at Portage, met every Thursday during seventh period. Set up on a pyramid system, players were able to challenge those who held positions above them. Mr. Frey and Mr. Septer aided in improving the students' ability to play chess.



NEGRO HISTORY CLUB—Students of the Negro History Club through the year learned what part Negroes play in American and world history. They accomplished this through reports and guest speakers. Their advisor was Miss Williams.

Students Participate Club



Y-TEENS—The influence of the YWCA spread to Portage in 1967-68 in the form of Y-Teens. The club's main purpose is to teach the present generation of girls the fundamentals of modern living. Advising this club was Miss Williams.



TYPING CLUB—Members of the Typing Club practiced basic skills of typing. Taught by Mrs. Johnson, this club met every Friday night.

in Numerous Activities



AUDIO-VISUAL CLUB—The Audio-Visual Club took care of the different machines around Portage, including tape recorders, film projectors, record players, etc. They also set up and operated the public address system for convocations, under the direction of their advisor, Mr. Werking.

The '67-'68
Varsity Band's
music spread joy
at Christmas, in
the spring at the
annual concert,
and all through
the year.



Varsity Band

Instrumentalists of Portage in Each and





Raise the Musical Spirit Every Student

Varsity Orchestra



The Varsity Orchestra under the direction of Mr. Don Parlette, brought the classical sounds of famous composers to life throughout the year, performing at concerts and in convocations for Portage students and guests.



THE VARSITY CHOIR, under direction of Mrs. Meese, performed at many events such as the Christmas convocation and

Spring concert. Eighth and ninth grade students lifted their voices in song to help make this year's varsity choir a pleasure to hear.



THE CADET CHOIR is a preparatory group for seventh grade students wishing to be in the Varsity Choir next year. Mrs. Meese trained them well, and they per-

formed in school convocations throughout the year. All are looking forward to the increased responsibilities that will come in 1968-69.



VOCAL ENSEMBLES were made up of these students who represented Portage in the vocal part of the NISBOVA contest in the spring. All of them worked hard on their ensemble performances, and were well rewarded. They not only received high ratings, but were also a credit to the school.



DANCE BAND—Every Friday during seventh period, the Portage Dance Band got together for a swinging “jam session.” They added pep to

convocations and basketball games. Their swingin’ band director was Mr. Don Parlette.

“ . . . and the Beat Goes On.”

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLES—Many instrumentalists combined to make up the ensemble groups performing in the NISBOVA contest. They spent many hours practicing, but as

you know, practice makes perfect—and in the case of these performers, helped to bring home good ratings for Portage.





GERMAN CLUB—
 “Wie geht es Ihnen?”*
 “Danke, gut.”**
 *”How are you today?”
 **”Fine, thank you.”

The German Club, advised by Miss Szegedy, picked up a few pointers on German language and culture.

Clubs Spice

SEWING CLUB—Supervised by Mrs. Bowers, these seventh grade girls learned some of the basic sewing skills. This club

work helped them prepare for eighth grade home economics class and also added to their enjoyment of domesticity.





BANKING CLUB—All Portage students were encouraged to bank each Tuesday morning. Mr. John Edwards

supervised student workers in this worthwhile program.

School Spirit

SERVICE CLUB—This club was established for girls and boys interested in helping in the school office. The intent was to provide an educational experience

while performing a service for the school. Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Anderson appreciated this student assistance.





The *Packet* staff, under the direction of Mrs. Hoylman, published nine editions of the monthly newspaper. Meeting every other day during fifth period, they worked hard—and had fun too—keeping the school informed of “what’s new.”

Front Row: Steve Wickiser, Bob Schmidt, Mark Oswald, Eric Hayden, Etta Smith, Amy Archbold, Karen Chrzan, Rene Watters. Back Row: Mrs. Hoylman, Jeff Fishman, Eric Battrick, Dan Johnson; Tim Cramer, Randy Ware, and Mike Meyer.



The *Portarama* staff was responsible for this year’s fine yearbook. Meeting every other day, fifth period, they prepared copy, layouts, and page design. Gathering information, planning pictures, and following through brought forth this end result.

Front Row: Jeff Fishman, T. G. White, Pam Lipp, Beth Nelson, and Claudia Thomas. Back Row: Mrs. Hoylman, Cathy Harmon, Judy Crothers, Val Buschey, Randy Ware, and Steve Wickiser.



The Journalism Club this year, for the first time, published a Portage literary magazine, *RamPages*. Sponsored by Mr. Gall and Mrs. Hoylman, the club met on Monday evenings.



SCIENCE CLUB—" . . . and you see that if we further increase the input of kinetic energy, we have a mixture of free electrons known as a plasma!" This is what you might have heard emanating from the Science Club each Thursday evening. Sponsor—Mr. David Cloud.



RACING CLUB—Turbines over pistons? The Racing Club preferred electricity for both! Slot cars were the order of the day each Wednesday as Mr. Cloud advised the youthful speedsters.



ICHTHYOLOGY CLUB—Every Monday evening, this group met to learn skills of raising and breeding tropical fish. They also learned to clean and repair tanks. Mr. Pearson and Mr. Werking supervised this new and interesting club activity.



ART CLUB—A picture is worth a thousand words. Record of the Art Club: a thousand words a thousand times over. Mrs. Wellman advised, club members produced a variety of projects throughout the school year.

Fine Arts Regale Spirits



DRAMA CLUB—"To be or not to be, that is the question." Let's see . . . Romeo and Juliet?? By Shaw?? Or was it Shakespeare?? Oh well, anyway the Drama Club knows. This year's advisers were Mr. Didier and Mrs. Sterling.



Sports

Are



Everywhere

9th Grade Football

Most Valuable Player



*Pete Chemerenko
Fullback*



*Captain Mike Ruthsatz
Outside Line Backer*



*Jim Fuhrman
Outside line backer*



*Alan Wittenberg
Safety*



*Lorenzo Cannon
End*



*John Mitchell
Quarterback*



1st Row: Bruce Pronesti, Cliff Hetherington, Alan Wittenberg, Dan Chandler, Richard Wilkin, Jeff Davies. 2nd Row: Mike Ruthsatz, Jim Fuhrman, Jim Grieser, Pete Chemerenko, Dick Ealing, Arthur Rutherford, Jeff Seitz. 3rd Row: Mr. Ransbottom, John Dunbar, Jeff Derrickson, Lorenzo Cannon, Doug Slack, Dave Milligan, John Mitchell, Mike Emmons, Coach Richard Cira.



*Doug Slack
End*



*Dick Ealing
Tackle*



*David Milligan
Guard*



*Jim Grieser
Safety*



*John Dunbar
Tackle*



8th Grade Football

First Row: Gary Dulin, Marc Frankenstein, Tom Smyers, Gary May, Tom Rathert, Jim Wilkin, Frank Hagadorn, Doug Rogers, Lynn Cooper, Randy Smith. Second Row: Brian Brown, Tom Harmeyer, Terry Kundysek, Mike Howe, Bob Avery, Tom Roberts,

John Wynn, Tom Bierman, Lavon Snyder, Greg Haycox, Dave Johnson. Top Row: Coach Rex Athan, Jim Spears, Kent Loomis, Colby Haynes, Mark Wolfe, Ed Smith, Eddie Lewis, John Williams, Dave Fulkerson, Dave Hamilton, George Greenler.



7th Grade Football

First Row: Kippy Smith, Jerry Coleman, Ricky Watters, Dennis Cook, Malcolm Finlayson, Dan Eifrid, Mike Kerris, Jeff Hans, Barry Lawson. Second Row: Dave Hayden, David Hood, Don Miller, Gary Loomis,

Ken Mabee, Randy Kohlhepp, Tom Kennerk, Greg Bussard. Top Row: Mr. Gall, Ralph Smith, Dave Butler, Jody Fritz, Bill Newhart, Ed Wineke, Paul Watters, Dave Beaver, Mr. Ransbottom.

Portage Football-1967

9th Grade

Sept. 22—Lane—0—14
28—Memorial—7—7
Oct. 5—Harrison Hill—
19—19
12—Geyer—0—0
19—Fairfield—0—7
26—Kekionga—13—7

8th Grade

Sept. 27—Harrison Hill—0—0
Oct. 4—Geyer—7—0
11—Fairfield—26—0
18—Kekionga—6—0
25—Weisser Park—13—13
Nov. 1—Lane—6—0

7th Grade

Oct. 6—Kekionga—6—0
Oct. 13—Fairfield—7—0
Oct. 27—Franklin—7—7

Basketball 1967-68

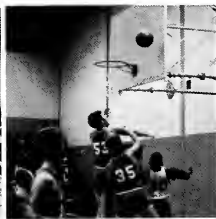


Front Row: Bob Schmidt (manager), Alan Wittenberg, Laray Williams, Johnny Leshore, Richard Wilkin, Leon Underwood, Dick Ealing (manager). Back Row: Coach

Rex Athan, Mike Gomez, John Mitchell, Dave Milligan, Doug Slack, Lorenzo Cannon, John Dunbar, Jim Fuhrman.



A Ram's Tip!



Almost, Fellas!



Jump and Stretch



Rams' Country!

9th Grade

Portage	Opponent
11/21—40	Kekionga 45
11/30—46	Lane 55
12/7 —56	Dwenger 43
12/12—32	Concordia 48
12/14—47	Lakeside 42
12/21—47	Geyer 37
1/5 —48	Northwood 45
1/11—28	Memorial 55
1/18—37	Weisser 44
1/25—41	Franklin 39
2/1 —47	H. Hill 45
2/6 —33	Fairfield 59
TOURNAMENT	
2/10—40	Kekionga 47

8th Grade

Portage	Opponent
11/21—48	Kekionga 37
11/30—55	Lane 36
12/7 —49	Jefferson 19
12/14—38	Lakeside 27
12/21—51	Geyer 30
1/5 —59	Northwood 21
1/11—39	Memorial 42
1/18—44	Weisser 42
1/25—41	Franklin 20
2/1 —55	H. Hill 38
2/8 —54	Fairfield 33
TOURNAMENT	
2/13—37	Memorial 39

7th Grade

Portage	Opponent
12/8 —33	H. Hill 35
12/15—19	Kekionga 17
1/12—33	Fairfield 37
1/19—31	Geyer 39
1/26—23	Weisser 47
2/2 —38	Lakeside 33



8th

Front Row: Marc Frankenstein (manager), Tom Smyers, Terry Kundysek, Bob Ecenbarger, Tom Bierman, Melvin Cannon, Brad Stevenson, Gary Dulint (manager). Back

Row: Coach Neil McKeeman, George Greenler, Dave Fulkerson, Leroy Dunbar, Eddie Lewis, John Williams, Dave Hamilton, Kent Loomis, Lynn Cooper (manager).



7th

Front Row: Mike Kerris, David Hayden, Bruce Evans, Alfred Curry, Malcolm Finlayson, Lonnie Baatz. Middle Row: Bobby Greene, Jerry Coleman, Arthur Fontenette, Mike Lovett, Jim Landin, Jim Dowling, Kippy Smith.

Back Row: Greg Buzzard, Don Miller, Bill Newhart, Matt Hunter, Dave Butler, Gary Loomis, Coach Neil McKeeman.

Cheer for Portage



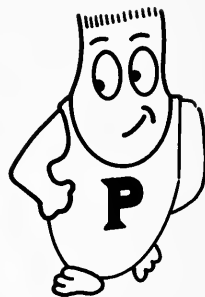
9th Grade Cheerleaders (top to bottom) Debbie Burley, Linda Adkisson, Claudia Thomas, Nicki Swank, On left, Beth Nelson; on right, Kathy Glass.

8th Grade Cheerleaders Top row: Laurie Hoffman Second row: JoAnn Flaig, Cam Harshbarger, Diane Brewer Third row: Shirley Fincher, Lori Burtch, Candy Miller Floor: Gwen Ransom



7th Grade Cheerleaders Top row: Nancy Fishman Second row: Emily Weicker, Terri Lipp, Debbie LeClair Third row: Lisa Brenn, Margo Parlette, Wendy Woods

Track Climaxes Sports Year



Bob Hayes and Jim Ryun couldn't have done better than this year's track team . . . at least not when they were in junior high! Coaches for track in the spring season, 1968, were Mr. Amstutz for the ninth and Mr. Gall for the seventh and eighth grades.



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Girls
9th



8th



7th



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Boys
9th



8th

7th





Now that our weary spirit has done its best to bring back pleasant memories of the 1967-68 school year, this yearbook's cover must close.

Many hours have been put into this *Portarama* to make it the best possible. The yearbook staff has worked diligently to meet all of the deadlines on time.

We want to express our sincere appreciation to all those people who helped put this *Portarama* together. Val Buschey, Judy Crothers, Pam Lipp, and T. G. White contributed much of their time in designing pages and selling yearbooks. To our photographers, Jeff Fishman and Steve Wickiser, go special thanks for taking all the pictures. And thanks too to Mrs. Hoylman, whose careful suggestions and patience helped us assemble this yearbook.

We hope you will enjoy your yearbook and it will always bring back pleasant memories of your days as a Portage student.

Beth Nelson

Editor-in-Chief

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